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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-NEW]

Proposed Information Collection (Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion (Documents and Information Required for Specially Adapted

Housing AssistivTechnology Grant)); Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to decide whether an applicant meets the requirements and satisfies the scoring criteria for award of an SAH Assistive Technology grant under 38 U.S.C. 2108.

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DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov; or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-NEW (Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion (Documents and Information Required for Specially Adapted Housing AssistivTechnology Grant)) in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS at www.Regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501 – 21), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

<u>Title:</u> Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion (Documents and Information Required for Specially Adapted Housing AssistivTechnology Grant).

OMB Control Number: 2900-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Abstract: Non-Federal entities (state and local governments, and non-profit organizations), private entities, and individuals may submit this information to complete an application for the SAH Assistive Technology Grant program. Applicants may either obtain printed copies of the forms or electronically download the required forms. These forms and other required statements are then completed and the applications submitted to VA electronically through Grants.gov. The signed forms provide certification of compliance with VA grant requirements. VA will use all information summited by applicants, including the SF 424, VA Form 26-0967, and statements addressing scoring criteria, in its grant award process. The information will be used by Loan Guaranty personnel in deciding whether an applicant meets the requirements and satisfies the scoring criteria for award of an SAH Assistive Technology grant under 38 U.S.C. 2108.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 40 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 120 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

DATED: June 26, 2014.

By direction of the Secretary:

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Department Clearance Officer,

Department of Veterans Affairs,

Billing Code 8320-01

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